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CTB MESSAGE NO. 214

1. AT INFORMAL DISCUSSION MAY 18 BETWEEN SOVIET REP PETROSYANTS (ACCOMPANIED BY TIMERBAEV AND TARASOV) AND US REP WARNKE (ACCOMPANIED BY JOHNSON AND NEIDLE), SOV REP MADE PLEA FOR SIMPLIFYING US APPROACH TO ESTABLISHING RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS IN ADVANCE FOR ON-SITE INSPECTIONS (OSIS). HE SAID SOME GENERAL PROVISIONS WOULD BE NEEDED ON HOW TO DO INSPECTIONS, BUT WE SHOULDN'T BURDEN THE AGREEMENT WITH LOTS OF DETAILED PROVISIONS. WARNKE RESPONDED WITH FULL EXPLANATION OF WHY IT WAS NECESSARY TO WORK OUT A REASONABLE NUMBER OF DETAILED RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS IN ADVANCE AND URGED THAT WE NEGOTIATE ABOUT WHICH WERE THE RIGHT DETAILS RATHER THAN ARGUING ABSTRACTLY ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE US PROPOSAL CONTAINED TOO MANY. PETROSYANTS AGREED
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TO INSTRUCT SOV DEL TO PROCEED ON THIS BASIS.

2. AT RECEPTION LATER IN THE DAY, TIMERBAEV TOLD NEIDLE THAT SOV DEL WAS WORKING ON A NEGOTIATING PAPER TO CONTAIN SOVIET COUNTERPROPOSALS ON OSI RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS. TIMERBAEV THOUGHT SOV DEL COULD PRESENT IT SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

3. AT THE MEETING BETWEEN WARNKE AND PETROSYANTS, THE LATTER ALSO ALLUDED TO THE PROBLEM OF WORKING OUT A COMMON UNDERSTANDING ABOUT NOT REJECTING OSIS ON AN ARBITRARY BASIS. HE SAID THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SOME CONSIDERATION OF DRAFTING PROBLEMS AND ALSO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF WHY A COMMON UNDERSTANDING WAS NEEDED IF THERE HAD BEEN ADEQUATE PROVISIONS IN THE AGREEMENT. LATER, TIMERBAEV TOLD NEIDLE "THERE WILL BE A COMMON UNDERSTANDING", BUT SOVIETS WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO HAND OVER SPECIFIC LANGUAGE SUGGESTIONS. TIMERBAEV, WITH A FEW OTHER COLLEAGUES, WILL MEET INFORMALLY WITH US, AND POSSIBLE WAYS OF DEALING WITH THE TEXT WOULD EMERGE FROM THE DISCUSSIONS. JOHNSON

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